

Curriculum Vitae

Rev. James E. Wozniak

St. Matthias Parish
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Date of Birth: January 17, 1970

Ordination Date: June 7, 1997

Education

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering 1988-1992

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, St. Mary College, Winona, MN

Studied Philosophy and Pre-Theology 1992-1993

Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Michigan

Master of Divinity 1993-1997

Assignments

1997-1999	Associate Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Schererville, IN
1999-2003	Associate Pastor, St. John the Evangelist, St. John, IN
2003	Priest in Residence, St. James the Greater, St. Louis, MO
2003-2004	Associate Pastor, St. Mary, Griffith, IN
2004-2008	Associate Pastor, Nativity of Our Savior, Portage, IN
2008-Present	Pastor, St. Matthias Parish, Crown Point, IN

Special Projects

Organized two trips to March for Life for the Diocese of Gary

Organized two parish trips

Chaplain for eight Rachael Vineyard Retreats for women who have had abortions

Organized senior retreat at Andrean High School

Attended and spoke at Cursillo Retreats

Organized the pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto for the Diocese of Gary

Member of the Priest Council

Mentored summer assignments for four seminarians

Special Training

Clinical Pastoral Experience (CPE)

Multiple Youth Ministry training programs

Good Shepherds Good Leaders

Courses in HTLM Coding and C++ at Purdue Calumet

Projects of Note in Current Assignment

2009 Built new rectory at St. Matthias Parish

2010 Sold parish land to Walgreens to fund capital asset projects

2011 Planning session to develop parish goals with staff, Parish Council and Finance Council

- 2011 Rosary Reflection Garden
- 2011 Built Parish Center at St. Matthias Parish which included 10 offices, a large lobby and sitting area, 8 classrooms, a break room, conference room, library, outdoor reflection area and increased the size of existing parish kitchen
- 2012 First week long all staff retreat/training/organization
- 2012 Brought the Nocturnal Adoration Society to St. Matthias Parish
- 2012 St. Kateri Tekawitha statue dedicated on the day of her canonization
- 2012 First annual Carnivale fundraiser (raffle, gambling, buffets, auctions, bingo, etc.) for all religious education in the parish
- 2012 Evaluated and reorganized the Women's Club
- 2013 Offered first parish women's retreat at Marytown
- 2013 Added a 7:00 PM Mass to the St. Matthias' three other parish weekend Masses
- 2013 Parish Facebook page goes over 800 followers one of the highest parish Facebook pages in the diocese
- 2014 Doubled St. Matthias Parish's weekend Mass attendance from about 500 people in 2008 to over 1000 people
- 2014 Grew parish membership from 700 families to over a 1000 families
- 2014 Replaced the flooring in the church
- 2014 Reorganized the parish staff to meet the growth of the parish (this is on going)

Goals for the Future (There will be many more from staff and parishioners)

- **Parish Buildings and Grounds**

- 2015 Replace sound system in the church
- 2016 Finish new chapel
- 2016 New gardens - Rosary , butterfly/resurrection, around St. Kateri statue
- By 2022 Replace parking lot and redecorate the small hall

- **Socially (Many more will come from the Parish Life Commission)**

- 2015 Renew Men's Club
- 2016 Parish cruise
- 2016-2017 Parish's 50th Anniversary social events

- **Spiritually (More ideas to come from the Liturgy & Spirituality Committee)**

- 2015 Develop Cancer Ministry Team
- 2016 Parish Mission
- 2016-2017 Parish's 50th Anniversary liturgical events

- **Organizationally**

- 2015 Restart Stewardship Commission
- 2015 Hire a personal assistant
- 2016 Update parish census
- 2017 Hire a fulltime music minister

In the future I have three goals in forming the parish community:

1. The parish has a good sense of reaching out to other Catholics to join the parish. We need to welcome more people who are not already Catholic to the parish.
2. The parishioners need to see faith as more a part of everyday life and not something they do on Sunday or only when they pray, the concept of discipleship.
3. Although we have seen a real growth in Mass attendance and parish membership, we need people to step up to be liturgical ministers.